HANDS ACROSS THE SEA.

Alfred Rosser, fraternal delegate to the English Syndicalist Conference recently held in London, addressed the meeting of workers, speaking in their own language, in the steel industry.

"Dear Comrades: In the name of my fellow-workers of the Batalle Syndicalist I bring you the fraternal greetings of the French Syndicalists.

"We Frenchmen are very interested, and much pleased by the progress of Syndicalism in England. Our hopes are very great that your successes will help to make people more widely awake and more people speak on the subject of Syndicalism. Well, there is much nonsense written and spoken—in France, too—such a question!

"What matters is, that you, by your acts, show what Syndicalism is; because Syndicalism is not a subject for academic discussion; it is, belatedly, the secret form of revolution. It has its own way, its own aim. Its practical ways are to be found in direct action—i.e., action of the workers themselves against their employers, culminating in the general strike. Its aim is the establishment of a society where there will be no more of either employers or of laborers.

"It absolutely refuses to identify itself with any political party, because political parties are part of the old capitalist struggle, and because the Socialist party, which sometimes asserts it is the same as Syndicalism, puts its trust in the mechanism of the state and opposed to such measures like nationalization of mines, railways, etc.

"And, after all, the French were the native land of Syndicalism? Is it not the land of Robert Owens, of the Grand National Consolidated Trades Union, which asserted the socialist strike as early as in the '90s of the last century?

"So Syndicalism is only a renaissance, and we hope that this time will not disappear before having realized its object.

"Long live the I. S. E. L!— Long live the international of the workers!"

A SHOW OF SOLIDARITY.

Taconite. The lumber carrier "Pearl Olsen." lies idle in the Central Iron Co.'s St. Paul mill, because 13 of its able seamen, men able to see that staying on the job while the wireless operators were on strike on the same ship was not good unionism.

The mysterious agitating officer who shipped as a waiter was given a protracted leave of absence upon the ship, but only 10 seamen of the carrier's wireless apparatus had evidently been tampered with.

Undoubtedly, this young disciple of Pouget and Foster has become a radical, and his mind has been poisoned with the heresies of our boys of '76 or '95, who went into the enemy's camp and destroyed it.

He should be taught that the interests of capital and labor are inseparably bound up with the well-being of the nation.

In the United States, the un-American to use any method in his fight for better conditions not approved of by the enemy.

If you see, as you see in Chicago, only way to win is to crawl. into the enemy's camp, spike his guns and let the enemy's set of ethics stay in the enemy's camp! Yours for United Labor, S. T. HAMMERSMARK.

LETTERS TO A REVOLUTIONIST.

Fellow-Worker—from your letter in regard to the labor movement, I fail to see why you consider Labor should consider it necessary to step aside from the work of your organization, because the old ones are conservative, not coming to your standards. It is only true that the workers under the banner of the A. F. of L. are not class-conscious workers as a whole, and ignore their economic power; but does a country change its economic system or a new one arises, or is organization automatically transform the workers unconsciousness into consciousness?

You admit the workers are educated if they are not now. Then what is the idea of dividing their present organization up? They have to be educated, why not to form a present union, instead of a future union.

Your contention that the workers cannot evolve from the present craft union to higher stages of economic development owing to their form of organization, is superficia and extreme. A labor organization must not depend on saviors for its development, but on their own activity and that of its integral units. Towards the development of these qualities our energies should be concentrated.

The tragedy of this fallacy is that the idealism is constituted, the evil leadership must be overcome and banished from the worker's mind. Not being evident, the situation, the radicals lay great emphasis on the assumption that because of its leaders the rank and file of the A. F. of L. must be revolutionized. The self-appointed radical conclusion gave birth to the I. W. W. centralized leadership fallacy. Oh, logic! Being that all the workers think the same way as the workers and the church, did it ever occur to you that consistently with your line of reasoning, which is that in order to revolutionize the leaders you must get away from the influence of its leadership and that you transport yourselves to the moon? P. CERNADO.

A seab machinist on the Illinois Central left a bolt out of a guide. It dropped down, the crosshead followed suit, the top side of the cylinder was pried out. The engine was at 100 per cent, and the train came very near landing in the ditch.

The state of Washington has passed a law creating an "Industrial Welfare Commission," with power to regulate the wages and working conditions of women and children.

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THE REVELT OF LABOR.

According to a prominent labor leader, who refuses to divulge his name, the steel barons have finally arrived at the conclusion that they cannot long keep the vast army of workers in their present unorganized and abject condition.

They fear a wild, spontaneous and costly uprising; that will, in addition to its own havoc, precipitate a political crisis in the steel industry. To forestall this, the story goes, they propose to allow their employees to organize now. They say they will grant this union an eight-hour day, and generally enter into contractual relations with it; provided it shows itself capable of having its contracts recognized and accepted by the mass of steel workers.

All that is wanting to put this scheme into immediate operation, according to said labor leader, is some brilliant act among the steel workers with ability and prestige enough to launch the new union. The barons are counting the want of such a Markham. Seconda finita.

As a result of the many recent I. W. W. strikes throughout the textile industry, the textile employes are being forced to organize. At a recent banquet in one of the factories, one speaker bemoaned the lack of solidarity among them. One speaker said: "Those of us in the South are too indifferent and too content if labor troubles appear in the North, so long as they remain there, and vice versa. And those of Rhode Island are too glad of a happy ending, and not seen. Massachastes, in turn, has a thrill of satisfaction when her troubles are over and Rhode Island is in difficulty, and so on. The state was that the manufacturers would have to stop cutting each other's throats and present a solid front to the public.

"We are the only ones who can organize a plant at least organizing the textile workers, whatever its success with the textile workers may be.

The railroad trainmen and conductors have been refused arbitration by 54 Eastern railroads. After the conventions of both organizations, on about June 15, a strike vote will be taken. If the arbitration-swinded engineers and firemen would make common cause with the brakemen, etc., instead of being forced to plead for the niggardly sops of arbitration, they would present such an array of power that they could well refuse to arbitrate with the railroads. They could turn the tables on the arrogant railroads and force them to do the begging. But, alas, from all indications it will be our lot to see before too long the lesson of solidarity learned in this simple lesson of solidarity. The harsh schoolmaster's experience, must give still a few more of his stern lessons.

A more or less mysterious court of appeals, whose existence is in the jungle of labor, is not quite clear to the writer, has just found Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison guilty of contempt of court, the court finding that these three gentlemen from among the many millions of Americans who have nothing but contempt for the courts, have been working as a check for the railroad companies, who have fixed each $500. An appeal is to be taken to the Supreme Court. Ye gods! When will this Wandering Jew of a case be ended? It has already been hanging fire since Moses was a little girl.

To "slough off" the growing sentiment among Chicago garment workers for unionism, the Wholesale Clothing's Association and the National Tailors Association have "volunteered" to give these workers a 30-hour week. The workers, now almost entirely recovered from the great defeat of a couple of years ago, are rapidly organizing in spite of these sops.

The Pullman conductors are organizing. As soon as the very considerable body of them united they hope to affiliate with either the O. R. C. or the B. R. U. They will affiliate because they believe in the principles of the syndicalism, but few stand in greater need of organization than the Pullman employes. Success to them in their efforts.

The A. F. of L., through its union label department, administers to the trade unions recognition of a universal label for all the trade unions. Nuff said. W. M. Z. FOSTER.


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